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Title:	METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING DATA SIGNALS BY MEANS OF VIRTUALLY LINKED PARTIAL SIGNALS VIA SYNCHRONOUS DATA NETWORKS		

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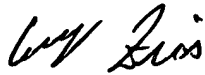
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